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1. For some time, a large portion of the Polish coal delivered to East Germany has not been of a quality which meets the standards for gas coal (Gaskohle), but is rather more of a long-flame gas coal type (Gasflammkohle). As a result of the diminished coking potential of this latter type of coal, the quality and quantity of coke produced has lowered. In addition, an increase of accidents among personnel engaged in the coking process has been noted. Continued deliveries of this inferior type coal will not allow fulfillment of East German metallurgical coke production quotas.
2. Because of the slow and erratic filling of deliveries under the Polish-East German furnace coke contract, the stocks of furnace coke held by East German steel mills have reached such an alarmingly low level that immediate production cut-backs may be made necessary.
3. A request was made to the Polish government to have additional shipments of coke, above and beyond the 1953 contract, totalling 17,000 tons, shipped to East Germany.

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